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SUBJ: CIVAIR - CHARTERS

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1. COLEGATE (CAA) CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF RESULTS
ECAC DIRECTORS GENERAL MEETING AS REPORTED REFTELS.
COLEGATE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH DG MEETING UNABLE AGREE
TO SHORTENING OF ADVANCE BOOKING PERIOD ON ABCS, UK
WOULD BE UNDETERRED IN BILATERAL EFFORTS TO REDUCE
THIS PERIOD. UK WOULD PREFER 45-DAY ADVANCE BOOKING
BUT, ACCORDING TO COLEGATE, GERMANY, FRANCE, SPAIN
AND BELGIUM WANT 60-DAYS AND UK WILL PROBABLY AGREE
IN ORDER TO STAY IN LINE WITH ITS PRINCIPAL ECAC
PARTNERS.

2. COLEGATE SAID UK DID NOT OBJECT TO CAB ESTABLISH-
MENT OF CHARTER FLOOR PRICE BUT IT H A SERIOUS
PROBLEM WITH LEVEL CHOSEN, PARTICULARLY ON EASTBOUND
CHARTERS. ACCORDING TO COLEGATE, CAB FLOOR PRICE
ABOUT 25 PER CENT HIGHER THAN PREVAILED THIS SUMMER
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EASTBOUND DURING PEAK SEASON. CAA BELIEVES 10

PER CENT INCREASE OVER PAST SEASON JUSTIFIED BUT IT
COULD NOT ENDORSE 25 PER CENT RISE PARTICULARLY IN
LIGHT OF UK GOVERNMENT'S PHASE III ANTI-INFLATION
GUIDELINES. COLEGATE SAID CHARTER RATES WOULD HAVE TO
BE DISCUSSED BILATERALLY.

3. WITH REGARD TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL TALKS, COLEGATE
ASKED WHO FROM US WILL ATTEND US/CANADA/ECAC MEETING
NOVEMBER 6-8 IN PARIS. HE SUGGESTED US TEAM MIGHT
CONSIDER STOPPING IN LONDON AFTER PARIS MEETING FOR
BILATERAL TALKS ON CHARTER REGIME FOR NEXT YEAR.
ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE NAMES US TEAM TO
TRI-PARTITE DISCUSSIONS AND WHETHER TEAM WILLING STOP
IN LONDON ON RETURN TO US.

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